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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)

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Application No.: 09/937,653)

Filed: January 18, 2002)

For: OPTICAL CABLE FOR)
TELECOMMUNICATIONS)

Group Art Unit: 2882

Examiner: Thomas R. Artman

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In a restriction requirement dated June 26, 2003, the Examiner required restriction under 35 U.S.C. § 121 between Group I (claims 30-39) and Group II (claims 40-58). Applicants provisionally elect to prosecute Group II, claims 40-58 drawn to an optical fiber cable with traverse.

Applicants submit that the Examiner has not shown that there would be a serious burden to examine all claims pending in this application. Applicants believe that the alleged Group I-II claims are all designated as being classified in the same search class by the Office such that the Examiner will search substantially the same art for each Group.

In summary, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider the restriction requirement, and examine Groups I and II together.

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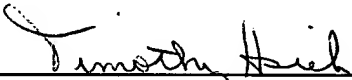
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